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From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 976

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To VIKTOR[i].

Your no. 2686[a]. PODRYadChIK[ii] has not shown up for the last two meetings. Advise when he left and if possible a further description of him and also the cover-name by which our worker was known to PODRYadChIK.

No. 550

Please give instructions to the COUNTRYSIDE[DEREVNYa][iii] to buy two cameras and send them to TYRE[iv] by the first post. You allowed one camera for ANTENNA[v]. The second is needed for the work of the Office[KONTORA][vi]. The cameras find their way to the COUNTRYSIDE from Germany and cost 200 dollars. There are no cameras in TYRE. Inform us of your instructions.

With a view to reducing the time required for the receipt and handing back of RELE's[vii] materials we consider it would be a good thing to make it his job to photograph his own materials and bring to TYRE only undeveloped films. For this purpose we want to pass on to him STUKACH's[viii] old camera. The camera

[17 groups unrecoverable]

Note: [a] Not available.

Comments:

[i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
[ii] PODRYadChIK: i.e. CONTRACTOR, Alexander SAFFIAN.
[iii] COUNTRYSIDE: Mexico.
[iv] TYRE: NEW YORK CITY.
[v] ANTENNA: Julius ROSENBERG.
[vi] KONTORA: The local MGB organ or residency.
[vii] RELE: i.e. RELAY, possibly Morton SOBELL.
[viii] STUKACH: i.e. INFORMER, Joseph KATZ.